## THE DAVID WILLS HOUSE AT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

In honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 12, 2009, the **David Wills House** in downtown Gettysburg will celebrate its **Grand Opening**, offering visitors a world-class museum experience that tells the story of Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address. Grand Opening events will take place from February 12 - 16, 2009.

David Wills' home was not just the center of Gettysburg -- it was the center of the immense clean-up process after the Battle of Gettysburg and where President Lincoln put the finishing touches on the Gettysburg Address. The speech transformed Gettysburg's community from a place of devastation to the symbol of our nation's new birth of freedom.

The museum features seven galleries, including two rooms that have been restored to their 1863 appearance: Wills' office, where he received letters from families looking for loved ones after the battle and began planning for a cemetery and its dedication; and the bedroom where Lincoln stayed and prepared to deliver the Gettysburg Address.

Main Street Gettysburg will operate the museum, as an official partner with Gettysburg National Military Park. The property is on the National Register of Historic Places.

- **Location:** 8 Lincoln Square Gettysburg, Pa.
- ➤ Hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In spring and fall the hours will be Tuesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In summer the hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. The Wills House is a self-guided tour.
- **Phone:** 717-334-1124
- ➤ When: Grand Opening events from February 12 -16, 2009
- > **Web site:** www.nps.gov/gett or www.mainstreetgettysburg.org
- > Admission:

Adult (13 and up): \$6.50
Seniors: \$5.50
Youth (6-12): \$4.00
Children (5 and under): FREE